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SUBJ : RHODESIA TO INCREASE ARMED FORCES

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1. FEBRUARY 7 CAPE TIMES REPORTS RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT WILL ANNOUNCE ON FEBRUARY 7 MEASURES DESIGNED TO INCREASE SIZE OF ARMY. GOVERNMENT HOPES TO DOUBLE NATIONAL SERVICE INTAKE BY DRAFTING YOUTHS AS SOON AS THEY LEAVE SCHOOL AND BY CALLING UP PREVIOUSLY EXEMPT IMMIGRANTS WITH FIVE YEARS RESIDENCE IN RHODESIA FOR PERIODS OF UP TO ONE MONTH. OTHER MEASURES INCLUDE ESTABLISHMENT SECOND BATTALION OF RHODESIAN AFRICAN RIFLES AND INCREASED INCENTIVES FOR VOLUNTARY SECOND YEAR OF SERVICE FOR DRAFTEES.

2. GOVERNMENT MOVES REPORTEDLY DESIGNED TO MEET GROWING PUBLIC DISSATISFACTION OVER REPEATED (UP TO FOUR TIMES IN ONE YEAR) CALL-UPS OF CIVILIAN RESERVISTS. FARMERS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR FARMS AT CRUCIAL PERIODS AND SOME SENIOR SALISBURY EXECUTIVES HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO

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SPEND THREE ONE-MONTH TOURS WITH ARMY RESERVE DURING 1973.

MORE FUNDAMENTALLY, HOWEVER, NEW MEASURES REFLECT INABILITY
OF SMALL WHITE POPULATION BASE TO MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT
ANTI-GUERILLA FORCES WITHOUT SEVERE DISLOCATIONS IN
CIVILIAN ECONOMY.

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